



Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



The William Miller House Bed and Breakfast Richmond, Virginia

Virginia Green Lodging is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. **Green Lodging** encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. **Green Lodging** is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

The William Miller House

The William Miller House is located in the historic fan district of Richmond. The Greek Revival-style house was built in 1869 and the original late nineteenth century charm has been preserved while other features have been updated. The House offers two guest rooms with private baths. The William Miller House is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

Green Lodging Activities. When visiting The William Miller House, you can expect the following practices:

- ④ **Optional linen service** in rooms
- ④ **Recycling** opportunities for guests
- ④ **Water Conservation**
- ④ **Energy Conservation**
- ④ **Green Events**



Optional Linen Service

- Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
- Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

Recycling

- Recycle glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, grease, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, and electronics equipment

Waste Reduction

- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
- Disposable containers made of bio-based, recycled content materials
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar in bulk
- Refill water pitchers to minimize single use bottles

- Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown, organic, sustainable-grown produce and other foods
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Purchasing from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Use two-sided copying and printing
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use “green” cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase durable furniture and equipment
- Purchase “low-VOC carpets” and fabrics
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex paint
- Recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents properly
- Use preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing and vehicles
- Effective inventory system and labeling of last-in/first-out
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides and integrated pest management



Water Conservation

- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Low flow toilets and restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Effective landscape management plan
- Minimization of impervious areas

Energy Conservation

- Track overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Use high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps
- Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and individual thermostats
- Use natural lighting and ceiling fans
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances
- Thermal rated windows and insulation

For more information on **The William Miller House**, see www.ourfanhomes.com or contact Mike Rohde at innkeeper@ourfanhomes.com.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



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